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<b>eye-opening experience</b>	an event that surprised him and taught him something new
<b>accept and absorb extremes</b>	understand or make sense of very difficult situations
<b>tendency</b>	likelihood to behave in a particular way
<b>benefitted</b>	was helped by, learnt a lot
<b>predicted</b>	foretold, said what will happen in the future
<b>been in contention for</b>	being considered for
<b>rescued</b>	saved
<b>attempted sporting comeback</b>	tried to be successful as a sportsman again after a long time of not competing
<b>echoes of his own life</b>	similar to his own life

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